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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FIRST DRAFT OF REPORT OF AD HOC OECD GROUP ON CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT PREPARED BY HODSOLL. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT REPORT UPON RECEIPT TO HOSAKAWA AND TOYONAGA.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OECD ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT
(A REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND DEMAND RESTRAINT)

I. PREFACE

1. IN LIGHT OF THE ABRUPT CHANGE IN THE CONDITIONS OF ENERGY SUPPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL CONSUMING NATIONS MOST OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF OECD, IT WAS AGREED ON MARCH 12, 1974, BY THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE HIGH LEVEL GROUP THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND RESTRAIN DEMAND SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITH A VIEW TO RELIEVING PRESSURE ON THE WORLD SUPPLY-DEMAND SITUATION FOR ENERGY. IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIAL EXPLORATION OF VIEWS IN THIS RESPECT, AN AD HOC GROUP OF THE OECD AOIL COMMITTEE AND HIGH LEVEL GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

2. AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS GROUP ON MARCH 28, 1974, ON A PROPOSAL BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS SECONDED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND, THE GROUP ELECTED MR. TOYONAGA OF JAPAN AS CHAIRMAN AND THE CHAIRMAN APPOINTED A RAPPORTEUR COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, AND THE OECD SECRETARIAT. IT WAS ALSO AGREED IN THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP THAT AN INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE (ATTACHED AS ANNEX) WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO PRINCIPAL ENERGY CONSUMING NATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL INFORMATION BASE. FUTURE MEETINGS WERE SET FOR APRIL 19, MAY 10, AND MAY 27-28 TO DEVELOP INITIAL
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CONCLUSIONS BASED ON THE REPLIES TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED BY THE OECD AOIL COMMITTEE'S HIGH LEVEL GROUP.

3. AT THE INITIAL MEETING ON MARCH 28, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED BY THE GROUP THAT THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH THE GROUP HAD TO COMPLETE ITS WORK WAS VERY

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LIMITED AND THAT IF A FULL EXAMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT WERE TO BE UNDERTAKEN, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP METHODS WHICH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BROAD GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE GROUP, WOULD ENSURE EFFECTIVE ON-GOING WORK IN THIS RESPECT. IN GENERAL, IT WAS FELT BY THE GROUP THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION EFFORTS COULD BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR TIME FRAMES IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION:

--EMERGENCY
--SHORT-TERM (WITHIN 18 MONTHS)
--MID-TERM (UNTIL 1985)
--LONG-TERM (1985 AND AFTER).

4. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION SHOULD BE DEFINED AS IMPROVEMENT OF THE EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY UTILIZATION AND AVOIDANCE OF NON-USEFUL ENERGY CONSUMPTION. DEMAND RESTRAINT, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD BE DEFINED AS THE MANDATORY REDUCTION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION, NORMALLY RESULTING IN SOME DEGREE OF SACRIFICE BY AFFECTED END-USERS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE DEFINITIONS, THE GROUP GENERALLY AGREED THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION ACTIONS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED ON A CONTINUING BASIS, WHILE DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL ECONOMIC SACRIFICES SHOULD BE MAINTAINED ONLY FOR AN "EMERGENCY PERIOD".

5. AT ITS APRIL 19 MEETING, FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED IN INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE, THE CHAIRMAN PRESENTED A PERSONAL MEMORANDUM ON HOW HE ENVISAGED THE WORK OF THE GROUP
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SHOULD PROCEED AS WELL AS A TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF THE GROUP'S FINAL REPORT. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON SOME OF THE SPECIFIC POINTS MADE IN THE CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM, BUT IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GENERAL FORMAT FOR THE REPORT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AND THE RAPPORTEURS WOULD PREPARE A DRAFT REPORT, INCLUDING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP.

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GROUP, WHICH WERE AGREED BY THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE'S HIGH LEVEL GROUP, SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTS THE GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CONSERVING ENERGY AND RESTRAINING DEMAND. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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STATE IN PARTICULAR THAT SUCH AN EXAMINATION SHOULD:

1. "REVIEW AND EXCHANGE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE THUS FAR WITH CONSERVATION MEASURES THAT IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY USE AND WITH MEASURES THAT RESTRAIN DEMAND ARTIFICALLY AND ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY THE RESULTS OF BOTH EFFORTS"

2. "FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ESTABLISHED ENERGY SAVING TECHNIQUES"

3. "IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR BOTH IMPROVED EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND RESTRAINT WHICH COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND COULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN A REASONABLY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, ON THE ORDER OF 18 MONTHS; AND ESTIMATE THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT MEASURES OF ENERGY DEMAND."

4. "DEVELOP OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS BY WHICH THESE MEASURES COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION DIFFERING CONDITIONS IN EACH COUNTRY, INCLUDING DIFFERING LEGAL AND JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS."

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5. "DEVELOP, INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE, CRITERIA FOR MEASURING RELATIVE PROGRESS IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PROMOTING CONSERVATION THROUGH IMPROVED

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